





Pocahontas County

Westminister Presbyterian Church, Knapps Creek.

Organized 1903 ----- Built 1904.

Sept. 20, 1940

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Marlinton, W. Va.  
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Westminster Presbyterian Church - Knapps Creek.

Westminster Presbyterian Church was organized by a Commission of Greenbrier Presbytery on the 24th day of October, 1903, when members of the Huntersville Church, living near the present site of Westminster Church, petitioned Presbytery for a separate organization at Sunset, West Virginia. The building now occupied by the Westminster Church was associated with the Huntersville Presbyterian Church and for several years past has been grouped with Liberty, Baxter, and Huntersville Churches. Before the Westminster Church was built, the Presbyterian ministers came down from Greenbank and held services once a month in the Mount Vernon Methodist Church at Frost.

Westminster Church is situated about half-way between Huntersville and Frost on the Knapps Creek road.

The charter members were:

L. W. Herold

Winston Herold

Lock Herold

Moses Herold

Divers McElwee

Mrs. Maggie Lockridge

Maude Lockridge

Dennis Dever

Allie Dever

B. F. Fleshman

Mrs. B. F. Fleshman  
Annie Fleshman  
P. L. Cleek  
Mrs. P. L. Cleek  
Belle Cleek  
Annie Cleek  
Lillian Cleek  
J. A. Cleek  
George Hamilton  
Roy Crummit  
Mrs. Frank Dever  
Mrs. Hugh Dever  
Myrta Moore  
Wise Herold  
Amos Herold  
Henry Herold  
Ada Sharp  
Mrs. Maria Herold  
Millard Herold  
Letcher Herold  
Forest Herold  
Coe Beverage  
Mrs. Coe Beverage  
The first Elders were: L. W. Herold  
P. L. Cleek  
Coe Beverage  
A. L. Herold



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The first Deacons were: { Wise Herold  
{ John A. Cleek

The following ministers have served as pastors of the Westminster Church:

Rev. G. W. Nickell

Rev. J. M. Walker

Rev. A. W. Rachall

Rev. W. Graham Wood

Rev. D. McD. Monroe

Rev. A. B. Williford

Especially notable is the pastorate of the Rev. G. W. Nickell, during whose ministry the church was launched and the church building completed.

The deed for the land upon which this church was built was made April 27, 1903, between B. F. Hamilton and Mary A. Hamilton, parties of the first part and Wise Herold, Trustee, party of the second part. The deed was for one acre lying on the northwest fork of Knapps Creek road where the Mill Road comes into Knapps Creek Road. The one acre was to be laid out in as near a square as possible and the church lot was to be fenced and kept fenced. This land was conveyed to the said Herold for the purpose of building a Presbyterian Church thereon, and the said Herold was to convey the land to the regularly appointed trustees as soon as they were appointed.

A few years after the church was completed, probably about 1908, the first Huntersville District Sunday School Conven-

tion was held in it with W. A. G. Sharp, President and J. C. Harper, Secretary. In 1923, the first County Convention to be held in Huntersville District convened here.

There has been a Sunday school ever since the church was built but at times it was discontinued during the winter months. At present the Sunday School enrollment is about thirty-five persons.

There are preaching services at this church about twice a month and the Rev. A. B. Williford is the pastor. At present the membership is about forty persons.

The Elders serving the church at the present time are:

Loy Nively

Winston Herold

Coe Beverage

Deacons: Rene McLaughlin

The church has two Sunday School rooms. It is furnished with comfortable benches and a piano. It now has electric lights.

Information: The Church on the Western Waters - Courtney  
Miss Edna Harper  
Mrs. Price Moore